

# Iowa Veterans Home

## Infrastructure Budget Requests



### Background:

The Iowa Veterans Home (IVH) is a state owned and operated facility that was established in Marshalltown, Iowa in 1887 as the Iowa Soldiers Home.

The Home's customers are veterans of all military services and their spouses or widows who are eligible for admission to a Federal Veterans Affairs Hospital for care, and who meet the residency requirements of Iowa.

IVH's population of 700+ is primarily male (85%) with female veterans and spouses comprising approximately 15% of the number of residents.

IVH provides a range of health care services:

- **Residential** for active residents who are no longer able to live independently.
- **Nursing Care** for residents who need licensed nursing care and supervision and/or other health care services.
- **Chronic Confusion or a Dementing Illness (CCDI)** Units for special care of residents with Alzheimer's disease and dementia.
- **Mental Health** for people with complex mental health problems, as well as substance abuse problems.

Care is provided in five buildings: Sheeler, Loftus, Malloy Hall, Dack, and Heinz Hall, which cumulatively are over 637,000 square feet of living space. Other buildings on the 157-acre campus include ten cottages (utilized for overnight housing of guests), a modern power plant, Whitehill Auditorium and a series of buildings used for maintenance shops and storage.

### Funding Request:

Originally, IVH requested 3 Capital Projects for FY07. However, there have been several circumstances that have developed since that request:

- IVH was de-appropriated \$3 million in FY2006 with the passage of Senate File 2036. In that legislation it stated, "It is the intent of the general assembly to appropriate at least \$3,000,000 in funding from the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund to support necessary projects at the Iowa Veterans Home".
- The Governor's Recommendation for FY2007 includes a reduction of our operating budget appropriation of \$5,568,265, prior to any funding for new programs. Simultaneously, the Governor recommended \$6.2 million in restricted capital funds for Iowa Veterans Home projects.

In order to maximize this opportunity, IVH would like to modify its course of action to take advantage of federal VA matching funds in order to maximize funding opportunities. The federal VA will reimburse up to 65% of construction & remodeling costs if the plan and project are approved by the federal VA in the beginning stages. However, the timeliness of getting federal funds is contingent upon (1) the date of our completed application to the VA and (2) the state share of 35% appropriated and obligated for the entirety of the project. Once these 2 items are completed, IVH will be placed on a VA priority list awaiting funding.

### **Infrastructure Needs:**

We have identified that some of our current buildings do not meet our resident's needs, nor do they resemble the home-like environment that exists in other Iowa nursing homes. In our Loftus and Sheeler buildings, 3 to 4 residents share one room and 6 to 8 residents share one toilet and sink. In these same buildings, 34 residents share the use of one shower. This ratio is extremely rare in other nursing care facilities in Iowa whereby the usual practice is for 1 or 2 residents to share one toilet and sink. In the Dack building, the residents who require assistance with meals are served in an area that does not provide adequate space for seating.

We have identified a need to develop a master building plan that will address these issues through the use of state dollars as matching funds to draw up to 65% federal VA monies. The plan will develop in five phases:

1. Use of an architectural design firm to produce detailed plans for expansion of our day rooms, the remodeling of the Loftus building and the construction of 2 new buildings.
2. Submission of the application for federal VA funding, with approved project plans and proof of state match, to be placed on the federal funding priority list for the IVH projects listed.
3. Construction of expanded dayrooms in the Dack Nursing Facility to provide adequate space for those residents who eat on the unit and require nursing assistance and observation during their meal times.
4. Construction of a new building to replace the current Loftus Building, which currently includes a dementia and nursing care unit.
5. Construction of a new building to replace our Sheeler Nursing Care Facility, which includes a dementia and Behavioral Health Unit.



# More for YOU at the IVH

## More freedom

- Become an active member of our open campus community that encourages independence
- Be a resident council member or a contributing writer to the resident paper: your gifts, talents, and assistance are always welcome and appreciated.

## More involvement

- Choose among many recreational activities such as socials, shopping, music, dancing, eating out, recreational trips, or suggest your favorite activity.

## More services

- Pastoral care and chapel services
- Special places on campus for family overnight stays, reunions, visits, and cookouts
- Available on campus are: barber and beauty shops; gift shop; library; computers and fast internet access; laundry facilities; wheelchair services.



IVH chapel

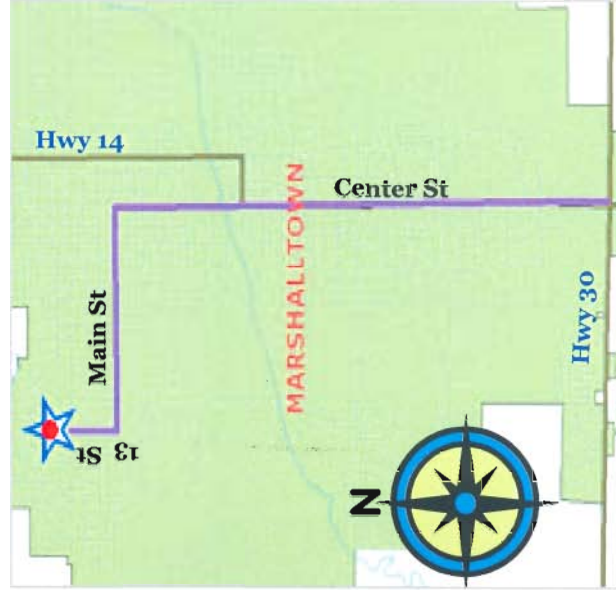


## Iowa Veterans Home

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Phone: 1-800-645-4591 or 641-753-4325  
Web: [www.state.ia.us/iavetshome/](http://www.state.ia.us/iavetshome/)

## Location and directions:

- From Hwy 30, take exit 185, Center Street (north) to Main Street (west)
- Take 13th Street (north) to 1301 Summit Street.



Marshalltown, Iowa



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# Get more at the Iowa Veterans Home

## IVH purpose

- Provide individualized quality health care in a community atmosphere where everyone is treated with respect and dignity.

## IVH mission

- Caring: our only reason for being.

## IVH qualities

- Sense of community
- Comfort and security
- Resident focus
- Quality of life and medical care
- Genuine people with unique experiences.



## Who qualifies?

Honorably discharged veterans and/or their spouses who demonstrate either medical or financial need and meet

- Iowa residency requirements
- Veteran eligibility for admission to VA Medical Centers.



## How much does the care cost?

- Eligible veterans, their spouses, and/or widowed spouses are admitted without regard to their financial status.
- The rate of payment is based on the actual cost of care and the individual's ability to pay using available resources.



## Health care services

IVH offers nursing, medical, rehabilitative care, and mental health services. Many aspects of care are covered and include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Physicians' presence on campus 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Social work services
- Substance abuse counseling
- Psychiatry and psychology services
- Laboratory and X-ray services
- Physical and occupational therapy
- Audiology and speech therapy
- Optometry, dermatology, and dental care.

Secured units are available for people with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

**F**or more information about the IVH, or to request a tour, please write to the address below, call, or visit us on the web:

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